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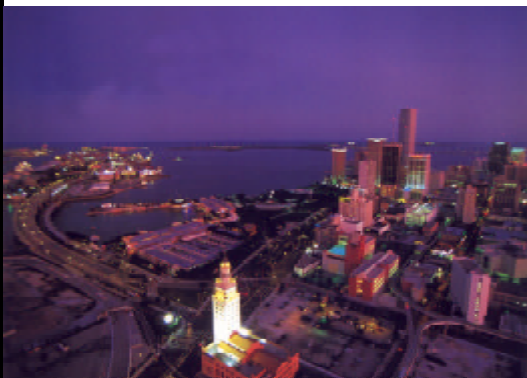
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FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA





The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area guides the transportation planning process in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The MPO, required by Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, operates by interlocal agreement



between Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation. The MPO approves the development and deployment of highways, mass transit and other transportation facilities and services.

A twenty-two (22) member MPO Governing Board acts as the authority on all local transportation planning matters and ensures that all entities engaging in transportation-related activities conform to federal laws. The Governor of Florida has designated the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the MPO Governing Board along with a member of the Miami-Dade School Board, a member of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, an elected official representing each city with more than 50,000 residents, a representative of smaller municipalities, and a private citizen representing the unincorporated area of the county.

A Director for the MPO Secretariat Office is appointed by the County Manager.

MAJOR DUTIES...

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING The Metropolitan Planning Organization is required by state and federal law to maintain a Transportation Plan for the urbanized area that forecasts transportation needs over at least a twenty-year period.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) includes the adopted transportation goals and objectives accompanied by a prioritized program of necessary projects. The LRTP is updated every three years.

Federal guidelines require that the transportation plan be fiscally feasible. As a growing metropolitan area, transportation needs in Miami-Dade consistently exceed available revenues. The transportation plan, therefore, always includes a section that lists the metropolitan area's unfunded needs in addition to funded projects..

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The TIP document is the capital improvement element for the Transportation Plan. Each year the TIP is updated as a program of projects and serves as the first five years of the twenty-year plan. The TIP identifies the funding sources for anticipated projects.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), is developed annually. This program of policy studies includes technical analyses that support a continuous cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The MPO invites the public to participate in the transportation planning process. Public input is routinely solicited during the development of plans, programs and projects. The Governing Board meets in the Miami-Dade County Commission Chamber located in the Stephen P. Clark Building, downtown Miami. All meetings are open to the public. To volunteer for one of the MPO's citizen committees call (305) 375-4507.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION The MPO regularly works in cooperation with other local and state agencies to execute the transportation planning process. Other entities, including the South Florida Regional Planning Council, Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority (Tri-Rail), and the Broward and Palm Beach County MPOs, work closely with the Miami Urbanized Area MPO to facilitate regional transportation planning.

CITIZEN'S TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Governing Board appoints a Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). It serves as a consistent citizen voice in transportation planning.

BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM

The MPO plans for and encourages the use of non-motorized transportation alternatives. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is also appointed by the Governing Board.

TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee (TARC) reviews concepts and designs, and makes recommendations to improve or maintain the aesthetic quality of transportation projects.

FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Freight Transportation Advisory Committee advises the MPO Board on moving freight and trucks more safely and efficiently. The role of freight, especially trucks, is absolutely essential for getting goods from producer to retail centers and consumers.